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SUBJECT: DAY OF VIOLENCE LEAVES ONE DEAD, 35 INJURED IN NAPLES

1. OCCUPATION NAPLES ANAGRAH OFFICE WHICH IS REPOSITORY OF ELECTOR  
RECORDS BY 400 UNEMPLOYED WORKERS AND STUDENTS AFTERNOON MAY 16 ENDE  
IN SERIES OF VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN POLICE AND DEMONSTRATORS IN  
PIAZZA DANTE AND LEFT ONE BYSTANDER DEAD AND 35 OTHERS INJURED.  
LEFT-WING EXTREMIST PARTICIPATION IS SUSPECTED AS SOME PROTESTERS

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REPORTEDLY WORE MASKS TO PREVENT THEIR IDENTIFICATION BY AUTHORITIES  
NO SPECIFIC EXTREMIST GROUPS HAVE YET BEEN IDENTIFIED, HOWEVER, AS  
HAVING TAKEN PART IN ACTION. A SYMPATHY PROTEST MARCH OF 2,000  
WORKERS AND STUDENTS FOLLOWED NEXT MORNING. PROVINCIAL CGIL-CISL-UIL  
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LABOR FEDERATION HAS CALLED THREE HOUR GENERAL STRIKE FOR MAY 20

TO PROTEST HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT IN NAPLES AND SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH FRIDAY'S DEMONSTRATORS.

2. DETAILS: THE ANAGRAPH OFFICE WAS NOT THE ORIGINAL TARGET OF THE PROTESTERS. THE DAY BEGAN WITH A DEMONSTRATION AT THE NEW CAPELLA DEI CANGIANI POLICLINICO WHERE THE GROUP DEMANDED 200 NEWLY CREATED PORTERS' JOBS BE TURNED OVER TO THEM. THEY DID NOT INTERFERE WITH THE HOSPITAL'S WORK ALTHOUGH A SMALL GROUP ATTEMPTED TO ENTER THE STORAGE AREA FOR RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL. AFTER THIS ATTEMPT WAS THWARTED BY THE POLICE, ONE OF THE PROTESTERS SUGGESTED THE DEMONSTRATION PROCEED TO THE ANAGRAPH OFFICE WHERE, BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS KEPT THERE TO THE UPCOMING REGIONAL ELECTIONS, THEY COULD "DO SOMETHING REALLY BIG." AROUND 2 PM THE GROUP ENTERED THE ANAGRAPH OFFICE BUT MADE NO ATTEMPT TO INTERFERE WITH THE OFFICE'S WORK OR DESTROY ANY RECORDS. CITY POLICE GUARDING THE OFFICE REPORTED THE DEMONSTRATORS BEHAVED PEACEFULLY.

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THE GROUP MADE NO ATTEMPT TO OCCUPY THE ASSESSORE'S OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR. HOWEVER, FEARING THE WORST AND UNABLE TO CONTACT EITHER THE MAYOR OR VICE-MAYOR, HE CALLED IN THE POLICE. OVER 100 POLICE OF THE PUBLICA SICUREZZA ARRIVED IN PIAZZA DANTE. AT 6:30 PM THE ORDER WAS GIVEN TO REMOVE THE DEMONSTRATORS. AS THE POLICE BEGAN THROWING THE DEMONSTRATORS OUT OF THE BUILDING, SYMPATHIZERS IN PIAZZA DANTE BEGAN HURLING STONES AT THE POLICE AND THROUGH THE WINDOWS OF THE ANAGRAPH OFFICE. TO CONTROL THE CROWD IN PIAZZA DANTE THE POLICE INSTITUTED A "CAROUSEL" OF JEEPS AND WAGONS CIRCLING THE PLAZA. THE DRIVER OF ONE OF THE JEEPS LOST CONTROL OF HIS VEHICLE AND FELL OUT OF THE JEEP WHICH RAN UP ON THE SIDEWALK KILLING A 61 YEAR OLD BYSTANDER. BY 9:30 PM ORDER WAS RESTORED AND POLICE LEFT THE SCENE.

3. COMMENT: FRIDAY'S EVENTS ARE THE BLOODIEST TO HAVE OCCURRED IN NAPLES IN QUITE SOME TIME. THE PSI AND PCI HAVE STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE POLICE FOR HAVING OVER-REACTED TO WHAT THEY DESCRIBE AS A PEACEFUL PROTEST. THE COMMUNISTS ARE ALSO ATTEMPTING TO MAKE THE DEAD BYSTANDER A MARTYR SINCE HE HAS BEEN A PCI MEMBER SINCE 1945. WHILE THE VIOLENCE IN PIAZZA DANTE WAS BY NO MEANS AS WIDESPREAD AS THAT WHICH ROCKED MILAN LAST APRIL, IT NEVERTHELESS HEIGHTENS TENSION IN

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A CITY WHICH HAS HERETOFORE ESCAPED THE EXTREMIST VIOLENCE MORE COMMON IN CENTRAL AND NORTHERN ITALY. COLANTONIO

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